FRINTON AND WALTON
URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1970

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1970. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of Public Health in the District remains satisfactory as in the previous year.

The birth rate for 1970 shows a decrease from the previous year and is well below the National figure, but this is to be regarded as a normal fluctuation owing to the comparatively small figures involved, that is, the total number of live births of 95, and is linked with a small decline in the rate for the country as a whole. The number of illegitimate births has also decreased.

The death rate at 10.7 is also less by nearly one point since the previous year and is below the National figure. Consideration of the tables showing causes of death indicates that total deaths from Cancer have increased by 10, including 16 cases of Lung Cancer. There were 66 deaths from Heart Disease and 46 from Cerebrovascular Disease. There was one case of Tuberculosis notified, but no deaths from this disease.

Measles was the main infectious disease notified, with 45 cases.

The number of children attending the County Council Clinics for immunisation amounted to 1,021 which included 356 injections against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis, 401 against Poliomyelitis and 141 against Measles. 83 vaccinations against Smallpox were also carried out.

The water supply remains satisfactory as hitherto, but there has been some complaints about discolouration of the water at Walton-on-the-Naze which was corrected by the Water works Company flushing the mains affected and was due to iron-containing sediment.

It is pleasing to note the completion of a comprehensive sewerage scheme for the whole district, which has enabled all untreated sewage to be dealt with at the new Naze Disposal Works, and the acquisition by the Council of sufficient land for refuse disposal enables future requirements to be secure for several years ahead.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and Officers of the Council for their co-operation and support during the year, and to the Staff of the Public Health Department my thanks for their excellent work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of ...	Frinton and Walton
Area in Acres ...	6,293
Population:	
1961 Census ...	9,571
1970 Registrar General's Estimate	12,320
Density of estimated population per acre	1.95
Rateable value ...	£665,107
Sum represented by a penny rate	£6,460
Number of inhabited dwellings (estimate)	6,050
Total live births ...	94
Birth rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)	7.6
Birth rate, corrected ...	10.9
Birth rate (England and Wales)	16.0
Number of illegitimate births	6
Total still births ...	2
Still birth rate ...	21.0
Still birth rate (England and Wales)	13.0
Total deaths ...	240
Death rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)	19.5
Death rate corrected ...	10.7
Death rate (England and Wales)	11.7
Death of infants under 1 year of age	1
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.0
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	18.0
Infant mortality rate - legitimate	11.0
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate	--
Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births)	.
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 live births)	..
Peri-natal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 total births)	21.0
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	--
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	--
Cancer ...	46
Deaths due to cancer of lung	16
Tuberculosis ...	..

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1970

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	51	39	90
Illegitimate	4	2	6
	55	41	96

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1970.

Under 4 weeks	--
4 weeks and under 1 year	1
1 and under 5 years	--
5 and under 15 years	--
15 and under 25 years	--
25 and under 35 years	2
35 and under 45 years	--
45 and under 55 years	8
55 and under 65 years	26
65 and under 75 years	70
75 and over	133
	240

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1970 (R.G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Bacillary Dysentery, Amoebiasis	1	--	1
Cancer (all sites)	28	18	46
Diabetes Mellitus	2	1	3
Mental Disorders	--	1	1
Other diseases of Nervous System	1	3	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	4	6
Hypertensive Disease	1	--	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	29	17	46
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	7	14
Cerebrovascular Disease	17	29	46
Other diseases of Circulatory System	5	11	16
Influenza	9	3	12
Pneumonia	6	5	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	--	6
Asthma	--	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	2	4
Appendicitis	1	--	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	--	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	--	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	2	3
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	--	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All other Accidents	3	6	9
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
	126	114	240

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Infective Hepatitis	7	--	--
Measles	45	--	--
Whooping Cough	1	--	--
	53	--	--

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1970

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
TRIPLE (DPT)	1967-70	128	35
	1963-66	--	25
	Others under 16 years	--	5
DIP/TET	1967-70	1	19
	1963-66	2	115
	Others under 16 years	1	25
TETANUS	Others under 16 years	--	18
POLIOMYELITIS	1967-70	137	52
	1963-66	6	142
	Others under 16 years	3	62
MEASLES	1967-70	105	--
	1963-66	27	--
	Others under 16 years	9	--
RUBELLA	Others under 16 years	21	--

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

	Primary	Re-vaccination
Age 0-5 years	70	4
5-15 years	6	3

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of Tuberculosis was notified, but no deaths from Tuberculosis occurred during the year 1970.

Notifications and Deaths from Tuberculosis since 1967:-

Year	New Cases	Deaths
1967	1	1
1968	..	..
1969	1	1
1970	1	..

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1970:-

Respiratory Male	19	Non-Respiratory Male	..
Respiratory Female	10	Non-Respiratory Female	1
	29		1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

Under the provisions of the above Acts, the Council through its Medical Officer, is empowered to seek the removal of necessitious cases to hospital or institution.

No formal action under the Acts was necessary during the year.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER

	Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company's Supply	4	-
Kirby-le-Soken Supply	3	-
Private Wells	14	8

(b) ICE-CREAM

	Ministry of Health - Provisional Grading Grade I	Grade II	Grade III
Samples	7	2	3

(c) FOOD

(i) Bacteriological Examination.

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pork Pies	2	-
Sausages	1	-
Artificial Cream	1	-
Cream Confectionery	4	-
Steak Pie	1	-
Whelks	2 lots	-

(ii) Examination by Public Analyst.

Sausages, mould confirmed. First offence by Trader. Warning letter.

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Urban District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, with some assistance from the Company's subsidiary sources at Lawford, Stratford St. Mary and Higham.

The quantity of water supplied to the Frinton and Walton district in the 12 months ended 31st December, 1970, amounted to 240.713 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.660 million gallons, with a peak of 0.934 million gallons per day.

The total quantity taken for domestic purposes during the year was 202.746 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.555 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 37.967 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.105 million gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made in the year to the Company's mains in the Urban District, amounted to 194.

Approximately 1.421 yards of new mains of 3", 4", 6" and 9" diameter have been laid in the Frinton and Walton district during the year.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company
Dedham Works - Water Analyses
Chemical Results in Parts per Million

		1970 Maximum	1970 Minimum
Colour		6	-
pH		7.7	7.5
Electric Conductivity		960	810
Chlorine present as Chloride		142	114
Hardness	Total	300	290
	Carbonate	275	260
	Non-Carbonate	35	15
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.5	0.0
Ammonical Nitrogen		0.80	0.24
Albuminoid Nitrogen		0.02	0.0
Metals	(Iron)	0.18	0.08
Turbidity		less than 1	Nil
Odour		Nil	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide		17	10
Total Solids		640	540
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate		275	260
Nitrite Nitrogen		less than 0.01	Absent
Oxygen absorbed		0.40	0.10
Residual chlorine		0.40	0.08

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

		1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	Minimum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.
	Maximum	1 per ml.	2 per ml.	6 per ml.

	Present in	Absent from	Probable Number
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance, have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

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The Kirby-le-Soken water supply continues to provide water satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

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A few houses in the rural area of Great Holland rely on private well water supplies for all domestic purposes. Towards the end of the year, enquiries were proceeding into the possibility of the Water Undertaking providing a mains supply to the area, to enable three houses to be serviced with wholesome water in replacement of unsatisfactory well water supplies.

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The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public main is:-

		Houses	Population (est.)
a)	Direct to houses	6,020	12,270
b)	Standpipes	20	35

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1970:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,110
Other Inspections	1,350
Informal Notices served, written and verbal	118
Informal Notices complied with	91
Formal Notices served	5
Formal Notices complied with	5

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs repaired	2
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	2
Floors repaired	5
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	4
Windows repaired or renewed	2
Rooms cleansed and decorated	4
Plumbing repairs	6
Kitchen sinks renewed	2
Flats, staircase/fire escape renewed	1

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired or improved	25
Drainage systems unblocked and cleansed	44
* Cesspits emptied and cleansed	192

* The Council provides a service for the regular, and casual, emptying of domestic drainage cesspits. Expenses are shared between the Council and house-holders.

Cesspits abandoned	48
Sewer connections	48

REFUSE RECEPTACLES

Defective refuse receptacles renewed	19
Paper Sack holders provided, new dwellings	145

NUISANCES

Insect nuisances abated	104
Insect identification	8
Rooms fumigated	4
Rubbish accumulations removed	102
Smoke nuisances abated	3
Overgrown land cleared	6

FOOD PREMISES

Wall, ceiling and floor improvements	17
Rooms redecorated	17
Ventilation improved	3
Walls tiled	3
First-aid Kits renewed	3
Miscellaneous improvements	11

OFFICES AND SHOPS

Provision of

Improved ventilation	1
Improved lighting	2
Improved sanitary conveniences	6
Wall tiling provided	3
Rooms cleansed and decorated	5
Clothing accommodation	2
Thermometers	2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspectors, est.	98
Visits by Rodent Operator, est.	1,039
Properties inspected	465
Properties treated for rats/mice	330
Overgrown Plots treated, rats	2
Sewer maintenance treatments, rats	2
Other Council Undertakings treated, rats	6

CLOSETS

W.C.accommodation cleansed and decorated	16
W.C. accommodation repaired and improved	7
New sanitary fittings provided	9

WATER SUPPLY

Wells, cleansed and sterilized	3
Defective storage tanks renewed	1
Service pipes renewed	2

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

No further sewage pollution of Kirby Stream has occurred since the early part of 1970, when the overloaded sewage works at Kirby-le-Soken -- the cause of pollution over a number of years -- were replaced by a pumping station forming part of the now completed comprehensive sewerage and sewage disposal arrangements for the District. Although cleansed from time to time, the Stream remains heavily polluted. Final clearance will be arranged in 1971 when operations are to be undertaken to re-align the major part of the stream in order to provide a direct flow to the backwaters as well as to improve conditions at the Refuse Disposal Site through which the watercourse flows at the present time.

HOUSEBOATS

Five houseboats, in poor condition, remained moored at the end of the year on Walton and Frinton Yacht Trust property in Mill Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze. Owners are all under notice by the Trust to vacate berths, and it should not be many weeks before the Basin is cleared of vessels enabling the Trust to carry out a planned conversion of the Basin to other use.

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

No action was found necessary during 1970 in the treatment of mosquito breeding areas.

PORT SANITATION

No action was necessary under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Premises registered	1

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Premises registered	1

CARAVAN SITES

No problems arose during 1970 at any of the 7 licensed Caravan Sites, which provide for some 1,554 caravans accommodating approximately 4,800 persons during the summer months. All sites have mains water, main drainage and modern facilities.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations:-

Offices	30	employing 417 female and 254 male persons.
Retail Shops	103	
Wholesale Shops	2	
Catering Establishments	18	
General Inspections	186	
Improvements	Listed on Page 12.	

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

New sewage pumping stations at Frinton-on-Sea and Kirby-le-Soken were completed and brought into operation in May/June, including a station at Quay Lane which allowed new sewers to be used in that part of Kirby-le-Soken. All foul sewage throughout the District is now treated at the Naze Sewage Disposal Works.

In consequence of connections made to new sewers, the use of some 48 domestic drainage cesspits was discontinued at Great Holland and Frinton-on-Sea.

Tenders have been invited for the construction of a new sewer in Elm Tree Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, to which eleven house properties can be connected on completion.

BATHING POOLS

No difficulties arose during 1970 in the operation of two privately owned out-door bathing pools. An 80,000 gallon capacity pool at the Martello Caravan Site in Walton-on-the Naze is serviced with mains water which is continously

circulated. At Frinton-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, a 30,000 gallon capacity pool of mains water is provided, the water being circulated at five hourly intervals. In both cases, purification is by filtration and chlorination. The bacteriological condition of the water in both pools was found to be satisfactory when examined at intervals.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

One additional public convenience, with provision for both sexes, was opened during the autumn of 1970 on the new shopping centre in Rochford Way, Frinton-on-Sea, bringing the total number of public lavatories available in the Urban District to 17. Free hand-washing facilities are provided in all conveniences, in addition to which wash and brush-up services are available at the principal Toilets.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

Licensed Waste Food Boiling Plant Operator	1

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There are no industrial smoke problems in the area which is almost entirely free of air pollution. Smoke and dust arresters are installed in boiler flues in the only two factories which are located in Walton-on-the-Naze.

HOUSING

Inspection

Number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts	71

Housing Acts

Unfit house demolished		1
Unfit houses closed	pending demolition	4
Unfit flats closed	pending demolition	12
Houses inspected for overcrowding		9
Houses inspected for permitted numbers		17

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The purchase by the Council of old, unfit dwellings in North and Saville Streets, Walton-on-the-Naze, was proceeded with in conjunction with a planned area redevelopment programme. A total of 16 dwelling units were acquired, some of which had previously been closed for habitation. It was possible during the year to re-house in Council dwellings, 6 families from these unfit dwellings which will remain closed pending demolition. Remaining tenants will be found alternative housing as quickly as possible.

Repairs

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action under Housing or Public Health Acts. 51

IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS

Financial grants made available to owners for carrying out approved improvement/conversion work to older type houses, included-

Discretionary Grants	8
Standard Grants	10

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1970

	Commenced	Completed
By the Council	16	-
By Private Enterprise	197	159

COUNCIL DWELLINGS

Four blocks of two-storey Flats, containing 8 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom units intended for elderly persons, were nearing completion on the Bemerton Garden Housing Estate, Kirby Cross at the end of the year.

Including the above Flats, the total number of Council dwelling units is 395, comprising -

Three-bedroom Houses	-	233
Two-bedroom House	-	1
Three-bedroom Maisonettes	-	17
Two-bedroom Maisonettes	-	21
Two-bedroom Bungalows	-	14
One-bedroom Bungalows	-	8

Two-bedroom Flats	-	27
One-bedroom Flats	-	45
Bed-Sitting-room Flats	-	29

... ...

Council dwelling units erected since 1946 - 301

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SPENDELLS HOUSE, a purpose-built sheltered housing unit provided by the Council in Walton-on-the-Naze for accommodating Elderly Persons, continues to function very satisfactorily. The establishment contains 26 bed-sitting room Flats and 4 one-bedroom Flats, and is supervised by a resident Warden under the direction of the Housing Officer. An emergency bell-call system is installed. A comfortable lounge, television room, kitchen and laundry, all furnished and equipped, are provided for the communal use of all Flat residents. Relatives of residents can be accommodated for short periods in a guest room.

There is no shortage of applicants for this type of housing, and at the end of the year the Council were considering the provision of a similar housing unit in Saville Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, an area in the town centre which the Council hope shortly to redevelop.

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It was possible during the year to secure the release from under-occupation of two three-bedroom houses, which were subsequently allocated to family applicants on the Tenancy Waiting List. Some 45 three-bedroom houses were under-occupied at the close of the year.

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The management by the Council, on behalf of the Greater London Council, of 40 bungalows for elderly persons in Clays Road and Thorns Close, Walton-on-the-Naze, was continued during 1970. All properties are occupied by GLC tenants. Further Greater London Council housing development, nearing completion, is in progress on the Homelands Estate, Frinton-on-Sea with provision for 34 two-bedroom bungalows also for elderly persons. Local management will be extended to include the properties.

HOUSING WAITING LIST

During 1970, 20 families on the Waiting List were rehoused in three-bedroom dwellings, 7 families in two-bedroom dwellings and 7 elderly couples and single persons in one-bedroom Flats and bed-sitting room Flatlets. Included in these figures are 6 tenancy exchanges. In addition, 6 tenancy transfers were necessary.

At December 31st. 1970, there were 147 applicants for Council small dwellings and 74 applicants for Council houses, on the Waiting Lists. Both Lists were inflated to some extent by the inclusion of applicants not considered to be in urgent re-housing need.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following Table sets out the number of inspections made of food premises, all of which are fitted in compliance with the provisions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations.

Premises	Number	Inspections
Grocers and Provision Merchants	32	43
Restaurants and Cafes	30	136
Hotels and Guest Houses	27	21
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	14	31
Nursing, Elderly Persons and Children's Homes	13	13
School Canteens	6	6
Workshop Canteens	1	2
Clubs, etc.	10	3
Butchers	10	87
Bakeries and Cake Shops	12	71
Wet Fish Shops	6	12
Fried Fish Shops	4	17
Milk Shops	11	11
Food Hawkers	7	9
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14	16
Confectioners	18	26
Licensed Premises	16	12
	231	516

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

Food preparation premises registered with the Council:-

Shell-fish, preparation	3
Fried Fish Shops	4
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	25

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the Urban District, the bulk of butchers meat sold locally being obtained from wholesale suppliers. All home-killed meat is examined at the place of slaughter. Meat and meat products stored and exposed for sale locally are subject to routine inspections by the Council's Public Health Inspectors.

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption, were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed by burning at the Council's Refuse Disposal Site.

Meat and meat products		668 tins and packets.
Fish	...	46 lbs.
Fish products	...	943 tins and packets.
Escallops	...	8 dozen.
Fruit	...	79 tins and packets.
Vegetables	...	429 tins and packets.
Pastry	...	185 packets.
Suet	...	7 lbs.
Mousse	...	385 packets.
Ice-Cream	...	175 packets.
Trifle	...	46 packets.
Sponge	...	12 packets.
Fruit juices	...	19 cans.

The above figures include quantities of frozen foods condemned because of spoilage due to refrigeration breakdown.

MILK SUPPLY

At the end of the year, there were 17 registered distributors of milk on the Register. All milk is supplied by Dairy Companies having premises, other than storage depots, outside of the District.

ICE CREAM

Manufacturers of Ice-Cream	nil
Vendors of Ice-Cream	88

BAKEHOUSES

The five Bakehouses received regular visits of inspection. The maintenance of a good standard of hygiene remained difficult in two of the Bakeries in which expanding businesses are being carried on under congested and cramped working conditions, and the comments contained in previous Annual Reports still applied during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE

No opportunity is lost, during inspections, in emphasizing to managements and explaining to food handlers the necessity of maintaining a high standard of hygiene in catering establishments and all types of food shops.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

Household and other refuse is collected weekly by direct labour, three modern refuse vehicles being in regular use throughout the year. An additional vehicle is commissioned for use during the busy holiday season. The volume of refuse continues to increase and an estimated 38,000 cubic yards were dealt with during 1970.

Arrangements have been made by the Council for a work study based productivity scheme of the Refuse Service, to be investigated during 1971.

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The use of paper sacks for refuse storage continues to increase and an estimated 800 dwellings now use paper sacks which are also employed at numerous catering and business premises. Sack holders are provided by householders. Sacks to service the holders are provided by the Council.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Negotiations were satisfactorily completed for the leasing to the Council of approximately 7¼ acres of land, as an extension to the adjacent Refuse Disposal Site at Kirby-le-Soken, enabling the future for refuse disposal by semi-controlled tipping to be made secure for a number of years.

Arrangements are being made for part of the Kirby Stream, which separates the newly acquired land from the existing Refuse Disposal Site, to be abandoned by diverting and straightening out the line of the water course. When completed, the improvement will enable the two parcels of land to be merged to form a single land unit for refuse disposal purposes.

The use of the Refuse Disposal Site by householders and others for the free disposal of reject furniture and household equipment, was substantial during the year. The facility appears to be appreciated by householders, as well as assisting in preventing the indiscriminate dumping of unwanted articles on vacant land.

STREET SCAVENGING

The main work of street sweeping is carried out by a Lacre Mechanical Sweeping Vehicle, supplemented by hand trucks in the town centres. A good standard of carriageway cleaning is achieved throughout the area. Street gully cleansing is undertaken by mechanical means.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

As a result of formal and informal action, a total of 35 derelict or unwanted motor cars, 5 car hulks and 2 loads of parts of old motor cars, were removed for destruction during the year.

WEATHER.

Sunshine	--	1730.5 hours.
Rainfall	--	22.10 inches.

FACTORIES

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	12	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	66	21	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	3	-	-
Totals:	92	36	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	4	4	--	--	--
Overcrowding (S.2.)	--	--	--	--	--
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	--	--	--	--	--
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	--	--	--	--	--
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	--	--	--	--	--
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	--	--	--
(c) Not separate for sexes	--	--	--	--	--
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	--	--	--	--	--
Totals:	5	5	--	--	--

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134
Nature of work	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	--	--	--

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.